Removal of Protective Coatings During PDI

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REVISION SUMMARY

Under WRAP GUARD REMOVAL PROCEDURE, a note was added about washer nozzle removal.

BACKGROUND

During shipping and storage, Honda vehicles are protected with one of two protective coverings:

- **Clear Guard** is a film that is applied to the vehicle as a liquid, which then dries to a protective coating. It is removed using high-pressure water. Clear Guard is not a hazardous waste material, and can be discarded with other non-hazardous waste.
- **Wrap Guard** is a thin, white protective plastic covering applied to the vehicle like shelf paper. It is removed by peeling it off the vehicle by hand.

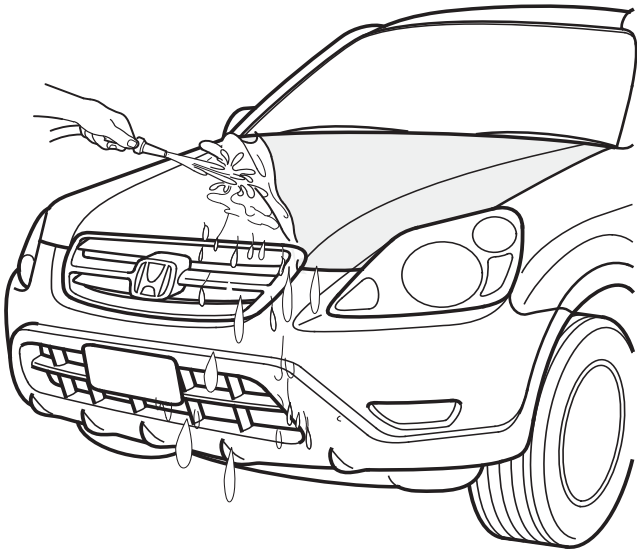
These protective coverings are applied to selective horizontal and vertical areas of the vehicle. They must be removed within 90 days of receiving the vehicle.

CLEAR GUARD REMOVAL PROCEDURE

For best results, remove the Clear Guard protective film at surface temperatures between 65°F and 75°F. Do this:

1. Move the vehicle into the shade. Spray cool water on the vehicle for at least one minute.
2. On each panel (hood, roof, trunk, fenders, etc.), loosen the edge of the protective film using your fingernail. Avoid marring the panel surface. Spray under the edge of the film with a high-pressure washer.

   NOTE: If a high-pressure washer is not available, an acceptable but less effective alternative is a hose and high-pressure nozzle connected to your shop's water supply line.
3. While wearing eye protection, spray underneath the film to lift it off in large sheets. Do not point the spray nozzle at moonroof moldings or other roof seals. If the film stretches like a balloon when you remove it, the panel is still too hot. When this happens, spray the panel with cool water, then continue to lift off the film.



4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 on the remaining panels.
5. If traces of Clear Guard remain on the vehicle, spray each trace with Honda Pro Spray Cleaner and Polish (P/N C8C25-P011M), or Meguiars Bug and Tar Remover (G-10716), and let it soak for about 15 minutes. The solvents in these products will soften the Clear Guard and get under it. This makes it easy to rub off using a scratch-free cloth (3M 051131-39016). Make sure to turn the cloth often to prevent grinding the captured Clear Guard into the paint.

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Skill Level M MAINTENANCE

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WRAP GUARD REMOVAL PROCEDURE

NOTE: To avoid damaging the washer nozzles, refer to the specific model PDI bulletin for information on how to lift the washer nozzles from the hood to remove the Wrap Guard from underneath.

1. Before starting to remove the Wrap Guard, spray the car with clear, lukewarm water to remove dirt and stabilize the surface temperature.

   NOTE: The film is easiest to remove at room temperature. Extreme hot or cold may cause it to tear more easily and come off in small pieces.

2. After lifting the edge, remove the film by pulling it back over itself. If this method causes it to tear into strips, roll the film into a cylinder as you pull it up.

3. Dispose of this film in the same way as the protective plastic on the seats. If any of the film's adhesive is left on the paint, clean it off with Honda Pro Spray Cleaner and Polish (P/N C8C25-P011M).

4. Immediately after removing the film, inspect the vehicle for streaks, rings, or other marks on the paint surface. These usually show up where two pieces of film overlap, or where there was a wrinkle or an air bubble in the film. These marks are temporary and should disappear after the vehicle sits in the sun for 2 to 3 hours, or overnight if the vehicle is left indoors in a heated area.

   NOTE:

   - After removing the protective film, wait at least 24 hours before examining the paint and deciding if polishing is required.
   - To preserve the integrity of the Wrap Guard, the factory leaves the fuse out of the moonroof circuit. Install the fuse, and check moonroof operation after removing the Wrap Guard.

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

None. This procedure is part of PDI.